cargo security issues in the railroad and maritime industries, after receiving testimony from Adm. James W. Underwood, USCG, Director, Office of Intelligence and Security, Department of Transportation; George D. Warrington, President and Chief Executive Officer, National Railroad Passenger Corporation (Amtrak); Edward R. Hamberger, Association of American Railroads, and Joseph J. Cox, Chamber of Shipping of America, both of Washington, D.C.; and J. Michael Crye, International Council of Cruise Lines, Arlington, Virginia.

ALASKA NATURAL GAS PIPELINE

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded hearings to examine the status of proposals for the transportation of natural gas from Alaska to markets in the lower forty-eight states and on proposed legislation to expedite the construction of a pipeline from Alaska, after receiving testimony from Robert S. Kripowicz, Acting Assistant Secretary for Fossil Energy, and Patrick Wood III, Chairman, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, both of the Department of Energy; Drue Pearce, Senior Advisor for Alaska Affairs, Department of the Interior; Alaska Governor Tony Knowles, Juneau; Alaska State Senator John Torgerson, Soldotna; Scott Heyworth, Municipality of Anchorage, on behalf of the Citizens Initiative for the All-Alaskan, All-American Gasline, Joseph P. Marushack, Phillips Petroleum Company, Richard Glenn, Arctic Slope Regional Corporation, and Mark Aron, CSX, Inc., all of Anchorage, Alaska; K. Terry Koonce, ExxonMobil Production Company, William D. Anadarko Petroleum Corporation, and Forrest Hoglund, Arctic Resources Company, all of Houston, Texas; Robert A. Malone, BP America, Inc., Los

Angeles, California; Patricio Silva, Natural Resources Defense Council, Washington, D.C.; Keith Bailey, Williams, Tulsa, Oklahoma; and Dennis McConaghy and Michael Stewart, Foothills Pipe Lines Ltd., Calgary, Alberta, Canada, on behalf of the Alaskan Northwest Natural Gas Transportation Company.

FOREST PROTECTION

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Public Land and Forests concluded hearings to examine the interaction of old-growth forest protection initiatives and national forest policy, after receiving testimony from Representative DeFazio; Henri Bisson, Assistant Director for Renewable Resources and Planning, Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior; Sally Collins, Associate Chief, U.S. Forest Service, Department of Agriculture; Alaska State Senator John Torgerson, Kasilof, on behalf of the Alaska Forest Association; Jerry F. Franklin, University of Washington College of Forest Resources, Seattle; Thomas M. Bonnicksen, Texas A&M University Department of Forest Science, College Station; Eric S. Palola, Northeast Natural Resource Center/National Wildlife Federation, Montpelier, Vermont; James Johnston, Cascadia Wildlands Project, Eugene, Oregon; and Bruce Daucsavage, Ochoco Lumber Company, Prineville, Oregon.

NOMINATION

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded hearings on the nomination of Eugene Scalia, of Virginia, to be Solicitor of the Department of Labor, after the nominee testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

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Chamber Action

Measures Introduced: 31 public bills, H.R. 2973–3003; and 7 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 238–240 and H. Res. 247, 249–251, were introduced.

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows: H.R. 1992, to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to expand the opportunities for higher education via telecommunications, amended (H. Rept. 107–225); and

H. Res. 248, providing for consideration of H.R. 2646, to provide for the continuation of agricultural

programs through fiscal year 2011 (H. Rept. 107–226). Page H6135

Recess: The House recessed at 12:51 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m. Page H6069

Private Calendar: On the call of the Private Calendar, the House passed over without prejudice H.R. 392, for the relief of Nancy B. Wilson. **Page H6070**

Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Federal Employee Antidiscrimination and Retaliation: H.R. 169, amended, to require that Federal agencies be accountable for violations of antidiscrimination and whistleblower protection laws (agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 420 yeas with none voting "nay," Roll No. 360);

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National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Service in Emittsburg, Maryland: H.J. Res. 42, amended, memorializing fallen firefighters by lowering the American flag to half-staff in honor of the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Service in Emittsburg, Maryland (agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 420 yeas with none voting "nay," Roll No. 361);

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Congratulating Cal Ripken: H. Res. 247, honoring Cal Ripken, Jr., for an outstanding career, congratulating him on his retirement, and thanking him for his contributions to baseball, to the State of Maryland, and to the Nation; Pages H6080-83

Congratulating Tony Gwynn: H. Res. 198, congratulating Tony Gwynn on the announcement of his retirement from the San Diego Padres and from Major League Baseball; Pages H6083–86

National Small Business Regulatory Assistance: H.R. 203, amended, to amend the Small Business Act to direct the Administrator of the Small Business Administration to establish a pilot program to provide regulatory compliance assistance to small business concerns;

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Vocational and Technical Entrepreneurship Development: H.R. 2666, amended, to amend the Small Business Act to direct the Administrator of the Small Business Administration to establish a vocational and technical entrepreneurship development program;

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Virgin River Dinosaur Footprint Preserve: H.R. 2385, amended, to convey certain property to the city of St. George, Utah, in order to provide for the protection and preservation of certain rare paleontological resources on that property; Pages H6093–95

Tomas G. Masaryk Memorial: H.R. 1161, amended, to authorize the Government of the Czech Republic to establish a memorial to honor Tomas G. Masaryk in the District of Columbia. Agreed to amend the title;

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Navajo and Mescalero Apache Indian Tribes Long Walk National Historic Trail: H.R. 1384, amended, to amend the National Trails System Act to designate the route in Arizona and New Mexico which the Navajo and Mescalero Apache Indian tribes were forced to walk in 1863 and 1864, for study for potential addition to the National Trails System. Agreed to amend the title; and

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Booker T. Washington National Monument Boundary Adjustment: H.R. 1456, to expand the boundary of the Booker T. Washington National Monument.

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Recess: The House recessed at 5:06 p.m. and reconvened at 5:30 p.m. **Pages H6098-99**

Recess: The House recessed at 5:43 p.m. and reconvened at 6 p.m. Pages H6099–H6100

Military Construction—Go to Conference: The House disagreed with the Senate amendment to H.R. 2904, making appropriations for military construction, family housing, and base realignment and closure for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002, and agreed to a conference. Appointed as conferees: Chairman Young of Florida and Representatives Hobson, Walsh, Miller of Florida, Aderholt, Granger, Goode, Skeen, Vitter, Obey, Olver, Edwards, Farr, Boyd, and Dicks.

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Agreed to the Olver motion to instruct conferees to insist on the House position regarding all items included in the House passed bill for overseas military construction by a yea-and-nay vote of 417 yeas to 1 nay, Roll No. 362. Pages H6099, H6101-02

Committee Election: The House agreed to H. Res. 249, electing the following members to the Committee on the Judiciary: Representative Bryant, to rank after Representative Goodlatte, and Representative Pence.

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Amendments: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages H6138–63.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H6100, H6100–01, and H6101–02. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 12:30 p.m. and adjourned at 11:23 p.m.

Committee Meetings

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Water and Power approved for full Committee action the following bills: H.R. 2115, to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the design, planning, and construction of a project to reclaim and reuse wastewater within and outside of the service area of the Lakehaven Utility